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1. THERE WERE NO SURPRISES IN YESTERDAY'S ELECTIONS. RESULTS WERE ESSENTIALLY AS PREDICTED (SEE REFTEL). PERON WON OVERWHELMING VICTORY. WITH ONLY A HANDFUL OF VOTES UNCOUNTED, HE HAS 7,233,373, OR ABOUT 61.5 PERCENT. THIS SLIGHTLY LESS THAN PERCENTAGE HE RECEIVED IN 1951, BUT IT IS THE LARGEST TOTAL NUMBER OF VOTES EVER REGISTERED FOR A PRECIDENTIAL CANDIDATE IN ARGENTINA.

2. UCR SLIGHTLY IMPROVED ITS SHOWING OF MARCH 11, WINNING SO FAR 2,878,303 VOTES, OR ABOUT 24.5 PERCENT. MANRIQUE LOST GROUND, GETTING ONLY 1,437,335 VOTES, OR ABOUT 12.2 PERCENT. JUAN CORAL OF PST MORE THAN DOUBLED VOTE HE GARNERED IN MARCH (JUST OVER 70 THOUSAND). YESTERDAY, HE RECEIVED SOME 186,594 OR ABOUT 1.5 PERCENT.

3. INTERESTINGLY, THERE WERE APPARENTLY FEWER VOTES IN BLANK ON SEPT 23 THAN ON MARCH 11. FIGURES SO FAR INDICATE ONLY 102,143, OR LESS

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THAN 1 PERCENT. ALSO OF INTEREST IS FACT THAT SOME 800 THOUSAND

OF PERON'S VOTES APPARENTLY WERE CAST ON BALLOTS OF POPULAR LEFTIST FRONT (FIP -- LED BY ABELARDO RAMOS). THIS SEVERAL TIMES MORE VOTES THAN RECEIVED BY FIP IN MARCH. ONE MIGHT CONCLUDE THAT MANY LEFTISTS, RATHER THAN VOTING IN BLANK, BOTED FOR PERON BUT DID SO IN SUCH A WAY AS TO INDICATE LEFTIST DIRECTION THEY HOPE HE WILL TAKE.

4. VOTING WAS ORDERLY AND NO SERIOUS INCIDENTS WERE REPORTED.
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